



## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[NRC-2021-0170]**

### **Acceptable Standard Format and Content for the Fundamental Nuclear Material Control Plan Required for Special Nuclear Material of Moderate Strategic Significance**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Draft NUREG; request for comment; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On September 23, 2021, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued for public comment draft NUREG, NUREG-2159, Revision 1, "Acceptable Standard Format and Content for the Fundamental Nuclear Material Control Plan Required for Special Nuclear Material of Moderate Strategic Significance." The public comment period was originally scheduled to close on November 22, 2021. The NRC has decided to extend the public comment period to allow more time for members of the public to develop and submit their comments.

**DATES:** The due date of comments requested in the document published on September 23, 2021 (86 FR 52926) is extended. Comments should be filed no later than December 3, 2021. Comments received after this date will be considered, if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the **Federal Rulemaking Website**:

- **Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2021-0170**. Address questions about Docket IDs in Regulations.gov to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: [Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov](mailto:Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- **Mail comments to:** Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Pham, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone: 301-415-7254, email: Tom.Pham@nrc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments**

**A. Obtaining Information**

Please refer to Docket ID **NRC-2021-0170** when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2021-0170**.

- **NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):** You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The “Acceptable Standard Format and Content for the Fundamental Nuclear Material Control Plan Required for Special Nuclear Material of Moderate Strategic Significance,” draft NUREG–2159, Revision 1, is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML21263A119.

- **Attention:** The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of public documents, is currently closed. You may submit your request to the PDR via email at

pdr.resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

## B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the **Federal Rulemaking Website** (<https://www.regulations.gov>). Please include Docket ID **NRC-2021-0170** in your comment submission.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <https://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

## II. Discussion

Draft NUREG-2159, Revision 1, provides guidance to facilitate compliance with applicable provisions in Subpart D of Part 74 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, “Material Control and Accounting of Special Nuclear Material.” Draft NUREG-2159, Revision 1, provides guidance for fuel cycle and other licensees and applicants who may request authorization to hold SNM of moderate strategic significance. Generally, this draft guidance document discusses acceptable methods licensees and applicants may use to prepare and implement their fundamental nuclear material control plans, and how the NRC will review and inspect these plans. The public comment period was originally scheduled to close on November 22, 2021. The NRC has decided to extend the public comment period on this document until

December 3, 2021, to allow more time for members of the public to submit their comments.

Dated: November 3, 2021.

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